

A Day in the Salt Marsh

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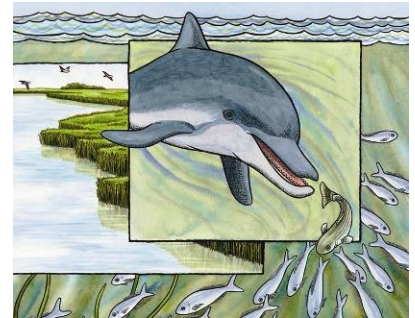
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“From sun up to sundown, interesting changes take place in a salt marsh. Readers get a close up view of these changes when they read the tantalizing rhyming verses in this book. This book is sure to be a welcome addition for pre-school and early grade classrooms as they study creatures and habitats.”

– *Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database*

One of the most dynamic habitats on earth...

enjoy *A Day in the Salt Marsh!* Fun-to-read, rhyming verse introduces readers to hourly changes in the marsh as the tide comes and goes. Watch the animals that have adapted to this ever-changing environment as they hunt for food or play in the sun, and learn how the marsh grass survives even though it is covered by salt water twice a day.



Children, parents, and teachers will love the **“For Creative Minds”** educational section, which was vetted for scientific accuracy by Susan-Marie Stedman, Wetland Team Leader at NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation. The section includes:



- An Adaptation Matching Activity with habitat and food chain information
- A Tidal Animals’ Activity
- What Causes Tides?
- Why Are Salt Marshes Important?
- Spartina Grass and its Adaptations

There are also **“Related Websites”** and **“Teaching Activities”** on Sylvan Dell Publishing’s website, www.SylvanDellPublishing.com, to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

About the Author and Illustrator

In college and graduate school, **Kevin Kurtz** received degrees in English literature and elementary education. Despite his unrelated degrees, one of his first jobs was as a research assistant in a marine biology laboratory where he studied the salt marsh. Kevin quickly became fascinated with this ever-changing habitat. He has combined his experiences as a marine educator and curriculum writer to compose the South Carolina Aquarium's award-winning K-8 curriculum as well as curriculum activities for the World Wildlife Fund, NOAA, and the College of Charleston's COASTeam project. Currently, Kevin is the Education Director at Science Factory Children's Museum and Planetarium in Eugene, Oregon. *A Day in the Salt Marsh* is Kevin's first published children's book.



What sparks your creativity?

I am very passionate about nature and education, so anything related to those two areas tends to spark ideas, which has worked out well for me, considering I have worked as an environmental educator for most of the past decade. Humor is key for me, too. Even if the final product is not supposed to be funny, if an initial idea makes me laugh, it tends to shift my brain into creative gear.



Consie Powell is an author, illustrator and a visual storyteller. Because she loves the outdoors, much of her work centers on nature and the environment. In addition to illustrating *A Day in the Salt Marsh*, Consie has also written and illustrated five books, including the award-winning *Leave Only Ripples: A Canoe Country Sketchbook*. She has also illustrated *Baby Bear Isn't Hungry* and *Who Lives in the Snow?* Consie and her husband spend the academic year in North Carolina and the summer in the isolated lake country of northern Minnesota, where she loves to paddle her wooden canoe and explore marshes and bogs. Of course, she always has her sketchbook handy.



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